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Amendment to the Drawings

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees. Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider the foregoing amended claims, specification and drawing figures as well as the following remarks in the first Office Action on the merits.

The multiple dependent claims in the PCT application are amended in the foregoing amendments so as to be singly dependent claims as well as to replace means with unit. The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

The specification is amended to include a new TITLE, a cross-noting paragraph to reflect that the subject application is a PCT national stage application and to generally put the application in better form for US practice. The discussion on pages 9-22 of the subject application was amended to be consistent with the language of the as-amended claims. The amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter and are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

Figure 2 of the drawings was amended to change reference numeral S18 to S8 to be consistent with the specification (see page 32 thereof). The amendments to the drawings are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is

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inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,
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